

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e. [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. (Once Amended) A heated coffee mug comprising:

a cup with a handle extending laterally outward from a perimeter sidewall and forming an upper opening orifice;

a lid for affixing to said cup to enclose said upper opening orifice;

a base for receiving said cup and provide stability on a horizontal surface, said base circumscribing a bottom of said cup by a perimeter wall extending upward from said base of a sufficient distance to prevent sliding of said cup from said base, said perimeter wall being of limited height such as not to interfere with said handle; and

a heating element ~~elements~~ retained within said base, said heating element ~~elements~~ powered by 12 volts DC as provided by a motor vehicle to maintain the hot temperature of the contents of said cup.

2. (Twice Amended) A heated coffee mug apparatus comprising:

a generally standard drinking vessel;

a mug holder for surrounding and providing firm mechanical communication with said drinking vessel, said mug holder having a base having a flat lower surface for resting upon a horizontal surface;

a heating element located within said mug holder; and
an insulating media, said insulating media directing heat generated by said heating element to said drinking vessel, said insulating media further protecting a user from direct contact with high temperatures; and

a power cord electrically coupled with a power plug and in electrical communication with said heating element.

3. (Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said power plug is capable of connecting directly to a motor vehicle's power system.

4. (Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said power plug is also capable of connecting to a power receptacle.

5. (Once Amended) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element comprises a flexible resistive type heat element located on the interior side of the coffee mug holder, to provide heat via direct mechanical communication to ~~the standard containerized food~~
said drinking vessel

6.(Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element further comprises a controlling thermostat provided with a pair of fixed set points.